



**"We Honor, Remember
and Reflect"**

Memorial Day Events - 2023

In Montgomery County, Maryland and the DC Region

List compiled by the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs

To add an event, please email MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov

City of Gaithersburg – Flags of Our Heroes – Opening Celebration

Friday May 26, 2023 through Tuesday May 30, 2023

Formal Opening Ceremony Saturday May 27, 2023 at 11am

Location: Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm (next to Gaithersburg High School), 512 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

<https://flagsforourheroes.org>

Flags For Our Heroes celebrates our heroes, living and deceased, in a touching tribute to the people who mean the most to us. Every Memorial Day weekend since 2014, a Field of Honor located at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Maryland shimmers with more than 750 8-foot-high American flags fluttering in the gently warming Spring breezes. The flags are sponsored by corporations and individuals who want to honor their heroes. Each flag bears the name of the sponsor and the sponsor's hero on a beautiful medallion. The medallions are then returned to be kept as mementos for the sponsors or their honorees. The flag display, which is lit at night, can be enjoyed 24 hours a day.

Women Veterans United Committee – Memorial Day Program

Saturday May 27, 2023 from 11am to 2pm

Location: Chesapeake House Travel Plaza, John F. Kennedy Memorial Hwy, Northeast, MD 21901 – Cecil County (near Marker 91, Travel Plaza, Route 95 Exit 93 and Exit 100)

Over 200 years of service – honoring women veterans, active duty military, reserves and National Guard. In-person and on Zoom – [https://zoom.us/j/879 266 248](https://zoom.us/j/879266248), password 05587

Japanese American Veterans Association – 75th Annual Memorial Day Service

Sunday May 28, 2023 at 10am

Location: Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium

<https://java.wildapricot.org/event-5200307>

Keynote Speaker: Major Kay Izumihara, USAR. The service will be both in-person and virtually - event will be Livestreamed on JAVA Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/JapaneseAmericanVeteransAssociation>). A limited number of parking passes are available. Please contact jaclwdc@gmail.com for additional information.

Jewish War Veterans Post 692 - Memorial Day Ceremony

Sunday May 28, 2023 at 2:30pm

Location: Bender JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852

Keynote speaker is Andrew Friedson, Vice President of the Montgomery County Council. The Ukrainian American Veterans Post 26 are special guests, Voices of Vets will provide entertainment, and there will be light refreshments. Program is free and open to the public.

City of Gaithersburg – Memorial Day Observance

Monday May 30, 2023 at 11am

Location: Christman Park, 304 West Deer Park, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Loyalty and patriotism will be on full display as the City joins the nation in honoring all who have given their lives in military service at its Memorial Day Observance. The public is invited to join the Mayor and City Council, Junior Mayor, City staff and honored guests in a tribute to those of all generations who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Joining the observance will be guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Larry D. Williams (retired). Christman Park, named for Lt. William J. Christman III, a Gaithersburg resident who was killed in Vietnam. Groups or individuals interested in attending or participating in the Memorial Day Observance may contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture: parksrec@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

City of Rockville – Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

Monday May 29, 2023 at 9am to 1pm

Location: Rockville Town Center Park, 131 Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850

www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade

This year's Grand Marshal is Stephen P. Johnson, a historian at the Department of Defense's POW/MIA Accounting Agency, where he works to provide the fullest possible records and accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation. Schedule of Events: 9 a.m. - a musical tribute by the Rockville Concert Band and Chorus; 9:30 a.m. - Memorial Day ceremony begins; 10:30 a.m. - Parade begins. For more information contact: 240-314-8620, email event@rockvillemd.gov.

Jewish War Veterans Post 360, American Legion Post 268, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2562

Monday May 29, 2023 at 11am

Wheaton Veterans Urban Park, 11200 Amherst Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Featuring speaker Major General (Ret) Richard Thomas. Refreshments at American Legion Post 268 after event.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) – Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday May 29, 2023 at 1pm

Location: Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 5 Henry Bacon Drive, NW, Washington, DC 20245

Keynote Speakers: Colonel Dennis "Bud" Traynor, USAF (Ret). Featured Women's Memorial Speaker: Susan Kramer O'Neill, USA. To learn more about the speakers, RSVP to the event, or learn how to watch live that day, visit www.vvmf.org/2023-Memorial-Day

Military Women's Memorial - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday May 29, 2023 from 3pm to 4pm

Location: Military Women's Memorial, Memorial Avenue & Schley Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

www.womensmemorial.org/program/memorial-day-program